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**CITY COUNCIL MEETS**

Transacts Some Business Matters Of Importance.

**WOULD CONSTRUCT HOTEL**

J. P. Morris, Business Man From Philadelphia Writes Asking the Council Regarding Opportunities to Build Large Hotel in Astoria—Other Matters.

City Council met last evening in the city hall, with all members present but Alderman Belland, in adjourned session. The matter of the construction of the road to Hume's mill came up at this time. A communication from the county court relative to the proposed route was read. Alderman Hansen said he had been over the proposed route, and stated that the best way in his opinion would be to take Birch street as far as Fifty-second and thence go down to the water front. On the motion of Alderman Linenweber the matter was referred to the street committee.

City Auditor Anderson read a communication from J. P. Morris of Philadelphia, in which that gentleman wanted to know about the opening for a first class hotel in this city. He seemed very desirous to come here, and further asked the council to inform him whether, if he should decide to locate in Astoria, the city would consent to exempt him from paying taxes for five years. The letter was referred to the committee on ways and means to look after.

The report of the special committee appointed to make an estimate of the expense of receipts of the city for the coming year was read at this time by the auditor. Alderman Linenweber after the reading of the report informed the council that he would be opposed to the reduction in the police force, which was recommended by the committee.

Alderman Morton chairman of the committee on health and police, also stated that sometime in the future he would ask for a raise in the salary of the city physician. "I have looked into this matter some," he said, "and I will tell the council now, that I intend to ask that his salary be raised to \$500 a month." The alderman did not state when he would bring this matter up, but it was inferred from his further remarks that it would be in the near future. Morton moved that the item in the report placing the expenses of the health department at \$600 be changed to \$760. He afterward withdrew the motion stating that he would bring the matter up again.

An ordinance levying a tax for general municipal purpose and for park and library expenses, amounting in all to eleven mills was read for the second time.

Another ordinance providing for a special tax levy of seven mills for paying for the warrants issued on the city hall improvement fund, came up for its second reading.

A detailed estimate of the expenses of the city for the ensuing year as taken from the special committee's report is as follows:

Auditor	8,200
Treasurer	900
Attorney	1,080
Street Department	4,000
Janitor, fuel, lights	1,430
City Pound	150
Police Department	6,000
Police court and jail	150
Street lights	5,400
Fire Department	7,000
Cemetery	300
Public property, repairs	500
Surveyor	2,000
Stationery and printing	1,500
Interest	12,500
Library	850
Health Department	600
Park	850
Salaries, mayor, council	1,000
Litigation	500
Miscellaneous	1,500
Total estimated expenses	\$50,770

The estimated receipts of the city for the coming year as given in the report are as follows:

Saloon Licenses	\$16,000
Sundry licenses	6,000
Taxes, 10 mill levy	19,000
Taxes, park and library levy	1,900
Taxes, special 7-mill levy	14,000
Total estimated receipts	\$50,900

**BIDS WANTED.**

For the building of a cottage for Troy Laundry. Plans and specifications at their office 10th and Duane streets. Bids will be received up to 23 of December.

**A GOOD WARM OVERCOAT**



IS PROBABLY WHAT YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT JUST NOW. OF COURSE YOU WANT SOMETHING MORE THAN WARMTH, YOU WANT STYLE. WE OFFER OUR LINE OF L. ADLER, BROS., & CO.'S ROCHESTER MAKE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. ONE OF THESE WILL COST YOU FROM \$15 TO \$30. THE MERCHANT TAILOR COULDN'T THINK OF Duplicating it for less than FROM \$35 TO \$60.

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**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**Will Wed**—On Christmas eve William Painter of this city will be united in marriage to Miss Minnie Cathleen Hutchins of McMinnville in that city at the residence of the bride's parents.

**Mending Rapidly**—The many friends of Mrs. Frank T. Warriner, who has been ill for the past ten days with pneumonia, will be glad to learn that she is convalescing rapidly and hopes to be up and about again very shortly.

**Would Be A Citizen**—Martin Troosett, a native of Norway, yesterday took the initial step toward becoming a citizen of America, by making and filing his declaration of intention so to become, before County Clerk Clinton.

**Is Recovering**—W. A. Bell, the switchman on the Astoria & Columbia river railroad, who while working in the yards had his left thumb crushed so badly that it was necessary to amputate it, is reported to be getting along in a very satisfactory manner, and will be at work again in a short time.

**For A Brief Outing**—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blessing will leave for Portland, via the steamer Lurline this evening. Mrs. Blessing will remain in the metropolis for an extended visit with friends and Mr. Blessing returns Sunday to be at his post, the cashier's desk at the O. R. & N. office on Monday morning.

**Done in Astoria Now**—G. W. Senborn of this city, has closed a contract with the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company for practically 1,000,000 cans, for the new season. These cans have been put up in Portland heretofore, but just as good an article can and will be turned out at Astoria.

ceived in this city yesterday morning of the death of J. B. Wyatt, of Vancouver, Washington, at the home of his son. The deceased was formerly a resident of Astoria, being engaged in the grocery business. For a time he was part owner in the store known as Ross, Higgins & Co. During his residence here Mr. Wyatt took an active part in all public enterprises, and was known as one of Astoria's most honorable business men.

**Officers Chosen**—The following officers have been chosen to serve for the ensuing year by Cushing Post G. A. R. Commander, Theodore Broemser; senior vice commander, William Lee; junior vice commander, D. B. Allen; chaplain, A. D. Craig; officer of the day, P. L. Taylor; quartermaster, A. Scherneck; officer of the guard, R. S. Welch; surgeon, H. Willson. D. B. Allen and G. Meibohn, with S. Miller and H. Willson as alternates were appointed delegates to the department convention. Adjutant W. C. Shaw, of the local post, will still keep his position until the commander general appoints a successor.

**Extended Leave of Absence**—Under the law made and provided in that behalf County Judge Trenchard, extended the formal leave of absence heretofore granted to Mrs. Lena Johnson, of this county, from confinement in the Oregon asylum for the insane. Mrs. Johnson was granted leave of absence in June, 1904, after a brief term of committal, and her condition having improved notably since, this second period of leave is granted by the judge in the hope of entire and final recovery from her malady.

**Good News Indeed**—Mrs. S. I. Cleveland, of this city, last evening received a despatch from President Campbell, of the University of Oregon, confirming the convalescence of her son, Chas. Cleveland, who has been ill there lately with a modified form of small-pox, and conveying the assurance of his early recovery; a bit of information that will be hailed most cheerfully by young Cleveland's many friends in this city.

**Suspicious Circumstances**—The finding of the dead body of Robert W. Rickman at his cabin home near Rainier, yesterday morning, under suspicious circumstances, created quite an excitement in that community. He was locked in and the key was not to be found and it is reported that several hundred dollars are also gone in a mysterious fashion. The officers will look closely into the manner of his death and endeavor to ascertain its cause as well as the disappearance of his little wealth.

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6 o'clock Saturday Evening Dec. 16 Silk Floss Sofa Pillows

Regular Price 70c, Sale Price, 30c. EACH

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**Another Wedding**—Word comes from Portland, sanctioned by Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bozarth, announcing the engagement of their daughter, Miss Caroline L. Bozarth to Mr. Mark Wolf, of that city; the wedding to transpire on December 27, 1905, at the family home in the metropolis.

**HATCHERY ITEM**

News of Interest from Staff Patrol at Eureka.

The growth of hatcheries for the artificial hatching of the salmon of the Pacific coast, is a very vital and valuable feature of the protected fishing industries of the coast states and not the least so in Oregon under the careful scrutiny and oversight of Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen of this city.

The latest official inquiry directed by Warden Van Dusen finds expression and reply in the following letter which will be read with interest:

"Eureka, California, Dec. 9, 1905. H. G. Van Dusen, Astoria, Oregon.

"Dear Sir:—At your request, I send you the following information in regard to the good results accomplished by the artificial hatching of salmon on the Eel river: Before the hatchery was established these fish were being rapidly depleted to such an extent that in a few years the fishing industry would have been a thing of the past. Since we have been realizing from the work of the hatchery, the increase in the run of fish has been augmented to such an extent that at this time there are double the number of boats operating in the river, and with good results, as ever before.

"A number of years ago a cannery was established on the river and at the time of its establishment the catch was far greater than the cannery could handle, but in a few years the cannery had to suspend operations on account of the scarcity of fish.

"Since we have been realizing from the hatchery work, the run of fish has increased with each year and to such an extent that there are now established two cold storage plants putting up fish for the outside market. Should you desire further information I would advise you to write to the California Fish Commission, Mills building, San Francisco.

"Truly yours, W. P. HUESTIS, Deputy State Patrol."

**SPECIAL SALE.**

Saturday evening, December 16th, Silk Floss Sofa Pillows. Regular price 70 cents. Sale price 30 cents each. CHAS. HEILBORN & CO., Complete House Furnishers.

**GRAND MASK BALL.**

Will be given at Suomi hall on Saturday, December 16th at 8 o'clock by Kaleva Brass Band. Admission, maskers, 75c; spectators, 50c. A grand good time is guaranteed. Everyone invited. Good music.

The Little Book Store for sale.

**SOCIALIST LECTURE.**

Mark Hanne, shortly before he died, said that the next thing that the Republicans would "be up against" would be Socialism. Come out and hear J. W. Slayton tell about it at K. P. hall, over Cooper's store, on Thursday evening, December 14th, and at Suomi hall on December 15th.

**CLOSING OUT SALE.**

On the fifteenth of November, the entire stock of goods at the Little Book Store, will be put on sale at cost. Christmas bargains in books, stationery novelties, etc. 174 Tenth street.

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